18th. Why not seize the island of Malta? If, when we conclude peace with England, w^re have to give up the
Cape of Good Hope, we should take Egypt,

16th. (To the sailors of Admiral Bruey's fleet,) Comrades; As soon as we have pacified the continent* we will join you in conquering the liberty of the seas. We will recall the horrid spectacle of Toulon in ashes, and victory will attend our efforts. Without you we could only carry the glory of the French name to a small part of the continent; with you* we will cross the seas arid our national glory shall be witnessed by the most distant shores.

19th. Notwithstanding our pride, our thousand and one pamphlets, our endless speeehifyings, we are very ignorant in political and social science. We have not yet defined what we moan by the executive, legislative, and judicial powers. Montesquieu's definitions are false.

In fifty years I can sec but one thing that we have defined clearly, which is the sovereignty of the people; but we have done no more towards nettling what is constitutional than we have in the distribution of powers. The organization of the French nation is, therefore, still incomplete.

This legislature, without eyes or ears for what surrounds it, should no longer overwhelm us with a thousand laws